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SECURITY OF METRO RAILS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note of the underground blasts in London which sent alarm signals to the International community due to increase in global terrorism;

(b) if so, the steps taken to tackle terrorism/sabotage in the country especially in Delhi and Kolkata Metro Railways;

(c) whether the Government proposes to raise a dog squad for the use in Metro Railways in the country to check movement of RDX and other raw materials for manufacturing explosives of mass destruction;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the details of the other foolproof methods devised?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d): Yes Sir. The issue of security of Metro Rail was discussed in a high level meeting convened by the Union Home Secretary in which it was decided to prepare a comprehensive and integrated plan for the security of Delhi Metro Rail. Accordingly, a Team of Officers is in the process of finalising the security plan including provisions for rescue and evacuation with a station-wise link up with police stations, fire stations, hospitals, ambulance services, help groups; access control; checking of commuters and baggage; protection from terrorist and subversive elements etc. A squad of sniffer dogs and bomb squad has already been deployed by Delhi Police to detect RDX and other raw materials utilized for manufacturing explosives. Since the maintenance of law and order etc. is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments, the security to Kolkata Metro is provided by the Government of West Bengal. The Central Government, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance for modernization of the State Police Forces under the Scheme of Police Modernisation, sharing of information from the Central security and intelligence agencies, issue advisories regarding stepping up vigil of vital installations etc.